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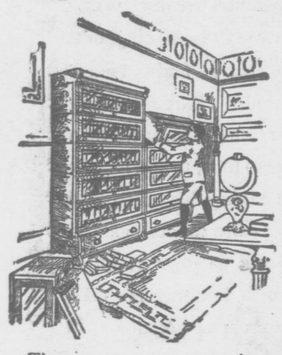

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JOHN BEITH,

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Is the seed corn safe?

Dairying is a science.

Be cautious in buying land.

Prevent stray hogs from coming to your place.

The comfortable hen is the one that lays in winter.

There is a good demand for beef of the better grades.

A scrub flock never culled gets worse all the time.

Ditches may be dug in swamps in the coldest weather.

The boar should be well fed, but not allowed to get too fat.

The colts should have a ration of oats, oilmeal and wheat bran.

The surest sign that chicken cholera is present is the green, frothy appearance of the droppings.

The advent of silos and silage into dairying has revolutionized the method of feeding dairy cows.

On a third of an acre of land a Mississippi boy raised in one season a crop of sweet peas that sold for $800.

The most economical way to save manure from the stable is to have concrete floors and gutters.

Keep close watch of your stock. Remember the old proverb that "the eye of the master fattens the cattle."

A thimble carrying a knife blade on the end has been patented by a California man to aid in picking fruit.

Almost every wrong act of the horse is caused by fear, excitement or mismanagement, said a great horseman.

Clover or alfalfa hay, with a light ration of wheat bran and linseed meal and roots is the ideal ration for the ewes.

Judge not a hen by her beauty, but by the way she does her duty.

There are 768 species of roses known, and 448 of chrysantbemums.

In killing pigeons, handle them gently to avoid bruising.

Shredded corn fodder is good for the farm horses in place of timothy hay.

There are 49,604 farms in this country of more than 1,000 acres each.

Select land carefully. If you are not a judge of land, pay someone who knows.

A hog that can be fattened while young will be the most profitable one to breed.

Allow one male of the large breeds to twelve hens, and one to fifteen of the smaller breeds.

No one can succeed well with poultry who permits them to live year after year in filthy places.

Any warm winter day when the soil is open is a good time to make preparations for next spring's hotbed.

More farm machinery of all kinds is put out of condition each year by neglect than is injured by work.

Alfalfa meal and bran are much alike in composition and accomplish the same object when fed to milk cows.

The size and strength of the lambs at birth will be governed by the feed and care of the ewes during the winter.

To have a cow in the advanced registry is now of more advertising value than to win first prize at some fair.

One of the European companies manufacturing harvesters for years has employed an American technical manager.

No fowl can stand a constant exposure to inclement weather, and the more we protect them the better will be the results.

Chopped alfalfa hay or alfalfa meal solves the green feed problem in winter as well, or better, than anything else we know of.

Many dealers object to eggs with pale yolks. When you find yours are getting that way, put a little more corn in the ration.

By actual test it has been found that a cow averaging 96 pounds of milk per day drank an average of 200 pounds of water per day.

Cabbage is one of the very best vegetables to feed to poultry, as it keeps green a long time and the chickens enjoy picking at it.

Keep the chickens dry.

Spread the manure at once.

Shelter the manure spreader.

The dairy industry is becoming a science.

Careful dressing of market fowls always pay well.

Sugar beets are just the thing for feeding to poultry.

A little milk goes a long ways towards making hogs.

Be careful with corn for the colts and don't feed much.

Sunshine and good air in the barn means better cow health.

It is when the duck is not laying that she readily takes on fat.

The Japanese process of dwarfing a pine tree lasts about ten years.

Select medium-sized, well-formed eggs from healthy hens for setting.

Frozen cream loses its flavor and will be found hard to churn afterward.

The peach and plum are short lived trees. The pear and apple are long lived.

Give the stock plenty of salt, and be sure they drink an abundance of water.

Too close confinement makes cows more susceptible to the winter changes.

While the fall is the best time to prune apples much can be done in mild winters.

No land is so rich that the owner can afford to waste the manure derived from it.

The surest cure for cornstalk disease is the silo. It cures by removing the cause.

Hogs like company. Don't keep one in a pen alone; but see that the two are good friends.

The man who uses system is the man who accomplishes the most work with the least effort.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF THE PENINSULA

Falling on ice at New Castle, Tony Maresco broke his right arm.

A petition is in circulation opposing the organizing of a dancing class at Rising Sun.

Milford Grange decided at its meeting Saturday to hold a poultry show in Armory Hall.

Falling while skating Stephen Collins of Chestertown sustained a compound fracture of one arm.

Two priests from Boston have opened a mission in St. Peter's Church New Castle to last two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoopes, of Hickory, celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedding on Friday.

For the second time within a week Charles M. Zebley's home in Wilmington was ransacked by burglars.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Wilson celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary at Forest Hill on Saturday.

Fishing through the ice on North East River with lead minnows is furnishing profitable sport to many persons.

Former State Senator John W. Morrison of Wilmington, sustained a broken arm when he fell on an ice-coated pavement.

Tracey E. Martin broke a leg when he fell on a slippery floor in the Augustine Paper Company's plant near Wilmington.

The headquarters of the New Castle & Delaware City Traction Company will be moved to Delaware City from New Castle.

With Rehoboth Bay frozen over fishermen have been making big hauls by breaking the ice and laying their nets underneath.

A full-day session on farm matters under the auspices of the State Farmer's Institute was held in Georgetown Wednesday.

The funeral of State Auditor George R. Ash, held from his late home near Elkton yesterday afternoon was one of the largest for years.

H. Carville Masin has been given a gold medal by the Havre de Grace Presbyterian Sabbath School for perfect attendance for five years.

E. J. Mulhausen's home in Wilmington, was entered by burglars Sunday night and $11 in money and some jewelry were stolen.

John Yates, aged 45 years, was taken suddenly ill at the Columbus Inn, near Wilmington, and died before a physician could reach him.

John E. O'Mally of Howard county, Senator Gorman's candidate for Insurance Commissioner, has declined to be a candidate for State Auditor.

Abraham Carney's home in Wilmington was damaged by fire, supposed to have been started by mice nibling matches in a coat pocket in a closet.

Reinbursued by the fire insurance companies, Mrs. Lydia Jump has started to rebuild the Jump block in the centre of Milford as a three-story concrete building.

Charged with stealing a gallon of whisky from the Adams Express Company's office in Centreville, Lorenxo Thompson, colored, has been held for the Grand Jury.

His hand catching in a fodder cutter, 16 year old William Sullivan, of Rockdale, severed a thumb and mangled an index finger, but the thumb was grafted and may be saved.

Slipping on the ice in New Castle harbor Harry Foreacre went through an open space into 15 feet of water and was rescued with some difficulty by sailors who happened to be at hand.

Thomas Philips, aged 17 arrested in Wilmington while intoxicated, informed the City Court Judge that he was forced to drink by several young men, and the police are investigating his story.

Joshua M. Ash and Levi O. Cameron are candidates for Magistracies, and J. Will Perkins, and John R. Mahoney, Grason L Bennett and J. Polk Racine for notary public in Elkton.

Because Herman Goldsworth, of Wilmington, refused to give John Keogh ten cents he was badly beaten and had to be sent to a hospital, while Keogh was fined $30 and costs in the City Court.

State's Attorney Albert Constable, of Elkton; Lewin Wickes, of Chestertown, and Associate Judge William H. Adkins, of Easton, are candidates for the Democratic nomination for Chief Judge at the May primaries.

Having paid for a fine far near Milton by trapping muskrats, Mrs. James Jones has so fallen in love with the work that she finds it impossible to quit. Every morning at 2 o,clock Mrs. Jones is out of bed and with gum boots and short skirts starts the round of her traps.

Georgetown has been selected as one of the Episcopal centres, where a normal school for missions will be held Wednesday and Thursday in St. Paul's Church under instruction of a State teacher. County teachers from Milford, Millsboro, Lewes and Angola will be present.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

NEW YORK, February 3d.—Suits will always be worn but the one piece dress has gained a decided lead in the procession of the modes. There are many points in its favor for it is convenient to get into, and complete in itself so that there are no details in the way of belt adjustment, collar fixings, tie etc., while being made in one, it has a way of staying straight and trim under any amount of strain.

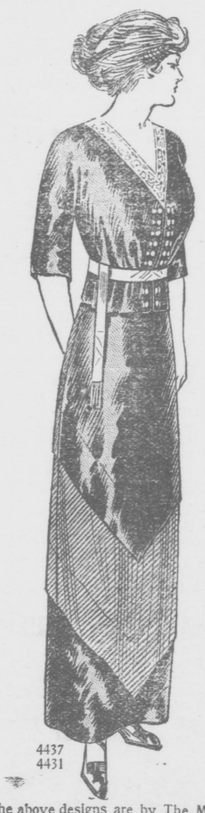
For The Slender

For the slender there is no doubt that the one piece costume should find favor, but unless this is trimly yet loosely fitted it is more than a little trying to a full figure. Still the one piece effect is so modish that extra blouses for coat and skirt suits are most fathionable when they carry out the lines of the skirt and even have some of its material used for bib, cuffs or bretelles. The kimona cut is still correct, but the sleeves are seamed on without fullness, as if the kimona sleeve were cut across and stitched together again tailor fashion. This helps when goods is limited or width is narrow.

Veiled effects show no signs of diminished popularity, and veiling with Brussels net is newer than with chiffon. It also wears much better.

PARTY WRINKLES

Big party bags are made up as muffs so do double duty. Large fans are back in fashion, and the handkerchief ring that older women will recall is used again. Collars of black velvet for the neck on which are mounted rhinestone buckles or other ornaments find favor with the girls here while the rose of satin ribbon tucked into the belt or nestled in the fur neck piece is a prime favorite.



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NEW COTTONS

The cottons have all made their debut at the counters by now and lots of them are already seen in pretty frocks that will get no end of wear before Summer days arrive. Cotton voiles rival silks for many uses, and the embroidered lingerie type of gown, made up with a touch of black satin perhaps will be quite at home at any but the most formal and elaborate functions.

SMARTNESS AT SMALL COST

Women who aim to be fashionably attired without using up all their money will be glad to know that fine ginghams promise to be very smartly worn this year The famous Scotch zephyr with Wm. Anderson" woven in every yard of the selvage, so that no one can mistake them, are shown in a most attractive line of colorings in stripes, blocks, plaids and matching plains, and at any counter where these ginghams are sold one can get for the asking, a dainty little fashion magazine showing advance models especially adapted to zephyrs. The children's styles are especially pretty and practical and made up in imported material of this type are sure to look and wear well.

CROCHET SETS

The sets primarily intended for skating of hat, muffler and muff, all crochet out of very coarse wool have caught the fancy of the girls so greatly that they are quite putting their fur sets in the shade, or at any rate relegating the latter to wear that is less exacting than skating, tobogganing and skieing.

LUCY CARTER

Orphan of Six Sent Adrift

GEORGETOWN, Del., Jan. 29.—Found wandering on the streets of Georgetown, where he says he was sent from Philadelphia, 6 year Joseph Jones is being cared for at John W. Truitts hotel until some clew is obtained as to his identity. The boy, who is about 6 years old, and has black hair and black eyes and is dressed in short pants and jacket of mixed goods, was found lying on a step by a negro.

Closely questioned the boy said he was from an orphan's home somewhere in Philadelphia, and that he was placed on board the train by some man and sent to Georgetown. He was to have been met by some family here, but when the train arrived there was no one on hand.

Signal Examinations

An important feature of the extensive educational work which the Pennsylvania Railroad is carrying on among its employes is the operation of what is called the Signal Examination Car. This is continually moving from place to place in charge of an examiner who puts the men through tests designed to keep them at a high standard of competency.

The car is equipped with miniature signals for the purpose of examining employes in their operation. Sight, sense of color, and hearing are also tested on entrance to the service and periodically thereafter.

Appreciating the value of direct personal instruction, the Pennsylvania Railroad is endeavoring in every possible way to increase the efficiency of operation by seeing to it that employes in the rank and file are advised continually about all improvements and innovations which go to make traveling safer for the public and railroading less hazardous for all employes

The Company now has on the road instruction cars for giving air brake instruction, lessons in signaling and lessons in electric carlighting.

Work 12 Hours a Day

A report which the Commissioner of Labor has just made shows that 29 per. cent. of the employes of the steel companies work twelve hours a day and seven days a week, and when the shift changes they work the whole of one period of twenty-four hours. This was known in regard to one steel concern a couple of years ago, and the reply of the chief owner was that his employes were as well off as those of other steel concerns. The report of Mr. Neill shows that this is the case twelve hours' work for seven days in the week among certain classes of the workmen is the regular thing. Such work ing hours are utterly indefensible. The steel corporations are protesting against any reduction of duties, which their ability to export proves to be superfluous. One of the concerns makes a great display of its solicitude for its men, but the twelve hours shift with seven days' work in a week calls for remedy.

Rescued From Burning Store

TOWNSEND, Del., Jan. 30.—Residents of this town organized into a fire brigade, last night night rescued the family of Mr. Levy, manager of Cohen and Finkelstein's general store on Main street, when fire broke out in the store part of the three story building. The citizens were aroused by a man rushing through the town yelling fire. Rushing to the store, volumes of smoke were pouring from the building and while no flames were visible in the upper floors the stairs were choked with smoke. Mr. and Mrs. Levy and their three children were huddled on a porch extending from the second floor and with the aid of ladders they were taken down.

The blaze was caused by an overheated stove. The loss will not exceed $200.

Hear Oregon's Senator

WILMINGTON Del., Jan. 30—United States Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, addressed a big audience to night at a meeting held under the auspices of the Referendum League on the initiative, referendum and recall. He held that the convention method is responsible for corruption in politics and told what has been accomplished by the initiative and referendum in Oregon. He said he had no criticism of the Supreme Court, but thought the recall should be adopted to show that Judges are not infallible.

Speaking about the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trust cases, the speaker said that Congress may have to interfere and limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court if that body did not stop interfering with legislation.

Good Outlook For 1912

Bankers and manufacturers and railroad officials who have been asked to prognosticate the business of the coming year are almost uniformly encouraged. Perhaps the railroad men are at least so, but the railroad business has already given more signs of improvement than most other lines, and the very considerable increase of railroad buying is a better indication of what the managers think of the business prospects than any interview given to a newspaper man could be. Many men of light and leading in the business world are looking forward to a particularly good year.

Want More Money For Tomatoes

LEWES, Del., Jan. 29—Local canners are making contracts for next year's acerage. Endeavors were made to get the farmers to sign contracts to grow tomatoes at $8 ton, which price, while an increase over last year of $1 a ton, was not sufficient inducement to get the farmers names to contracts. The canners had to raise the price to $9. Even at this price the growers, being alert to the fact that the prices on can goods have increased out of proper tion to the amount offered, are reluctant to sign up and at this time few contracts have been made.

A kitchen bouquet for flavoring soups can easily be made. Take a few sprigs of parsley and wrap them around peppercorns, whole cloves, a bay leaf and other cherbs that are at head. Tie up tightly This can be removed from the soup with out trouble.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Cut the cold duck neatly in small pieces put the joints into a stewpan with a pint of good brown gravy, add a tablespoon of orange juice or lemon pickle, a glass of claret, mixed spice, salt, cayenne to taste and thicken with bread crumbs. Let it get gradually hot, and when on the point of boiling serve with sippets of toast as a garnish. Time, from 15 to 20 minutes.

To remove wallpaper, take warm water that is softened with borax or ammonia and apply with a sponge. The paper will soon become soaked and blistered and may be easily stripped off. It is well to do this a day or so before the new paper is put on.

Pea or bean flour found at the grocer's may be used for a quick vegetable soup. Half a cupful of the flour, three pints of boiling water, tablespoonful of beef juice, a small onion and two or three slices of bacon, cut into tiny cubes is an easy recipe.

A wire basket, known as a salad shaker or drainer, should be used to dry greens after they have been thoroughly washed. Leaves of lettuce often hold water after they have been thoroughly shaken. If they are not fully dry they will not hold dressing well.

Pull out the large featherr if you want to save them, then pulverize some rosin and rub well into the down. Have ready a pan of boiling water of sufficient quantity to cover the bird. Plunge under the water three or four times to melt the resin then you can rub the down all off with the resin.

Marking linen with indelible ink is rather delicate business until you get the knack. Putting the material firmly into an embroidery hoop and then setting it on a smooth, hard object like a paper weight is pretty apt to secure good results.

Line a tin plate with plain paste and then put in 24 oysters, sprinkle with a little pepper, salt and grate on a little nut meg if liked. Stew in a little butter and cover with a rich paste. Bake 20 minutes and serve immediately.

If irons are rubbed with a flannel wet with kerosene oil it will keep them free from rust and starch will not stick to them.

Mud stains on silk can generally be removed by rubbing with a piece of rough cloth or flannel. If a stain is left where the mud has been rub it with a bit of clean linen dipped in benzine or alcohol.

Stains on bed ticking can often be removed by a paste made of soft soap and starch. Spread on the spot and when dry scrape off, brush clean with a stiff brush and wipe with a damp, not wet sponge.

If a little vinegar is put into the water in which vegetables are washed it will draw any insects that may be in the vegetable to the surface.

Let cabbage come to a boil in water containing a small pinch of soda, change to salted water and cook slowly in an uncovered vessel.

To take the smell of fish from hands wash them in water which contains a few drops of ammonia.

If you get too much salt into your tomato soup, add a bit of brown sugar. It seems to make salty soup all right. But better still is to add a few slices of raw potato.

To mend linen tablecloths, remove the presser foot from your machine. Insert the piece to be darned under it and stitch back and forth. It is much quicker and neater than when done by hand.

The best way to single the hairs and pin feathers from a fowl is to put it in a pan and pour alcohol over it and instantly set this on fire. The blaze removes hairs and pin feathers without injuring the flesh.

Instead of frying mackerel in a spider place it in a baking pan on a piece of old cotton cloth or thick brown paper. Sprinkle over a little salt and add several pieces of salt pork or butter, if preferred. Bake in a hot oven.

If colored cottons are washed in bran or starch water instead of soapsuds they will keep their color. If bran is used put it in a bag of loosely woven cheesecloth—a handful of either is enough for a small tub of water.

If a few beans, either lima or string, have been left over, make them into a salad, add a few chopped olives, a few capers and some Spanish red pepper. French dressing is preferable to mayonaise.

Browned flour makes delicious brown gravies. Put it in a pie plate and set on top of the stove or in a very hot oven. When it begins to brown it should be in stantly stirred until brown all through.

A teaspoonful of warm olive oil or camphorated oil poured into the ear, and held there for a few minutes, will destroy a bug in the ear, and it will then easily pour out, bringing with it the dead insect.

In ironing the plait of the back of a shirtwaist on which tiny buttons are sewed, try laying it on a flannel or heavy Turkish towel, as you do your embroidery. The buttons sink in as the material is ironed.

When beating white of egg for sponge cake, when it becomes dry and light, test its stiffness by turning the dish containing it upside down. If it is beaten to the proper point not a particle will become detached.

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GONE TO JOIN RUEFF IN JAIL

The conviction of that impudent millionaire boodler, Louis Kuehnle, who as "boss" of a corrupt political ring had so long defied the law and the courts of the wholeState of New Jersey, is like the overthrow of Rueff of California, another triumph of civic righteousness, and a significant portent of the new and better day that is everywhere dawning upon the ring-cursed commonwealths of this country.

The sending of this scamp, who had grown rich from the spoils of his wholesale rascalities, to the vulgar penitentiary, there to sweat for one year at hard labor like any common thief,and pay a fine of $1000 besides, does great honor to Judge Kalisch, who against a tremendous pressure was still courageous enough to do his duty.

And now consternation reigns among the whole colony of his fellow boodlers! Why? Because they fear they too may be forced to disgorge a like pittance of their big robberies? No, but at the prospect of also wearing their precious skins in the common jail!

If our courts in America, that too often view with charity wealthy criminality of larger guilt, would cease their absurd and unjust practice of punishing the trivial offences of the poor more severely than the graver crimes of the rich and would visit with the lash and the dungeon but a half-dozen or so of the really dangerous rogues — the criminal rich who rob millions—there would be a greater clearing of the moral amosphere than if ten thousand of the petty offenders were sent to jail.

So it is, this final victory of justice in New Jersey is the more refreshing, since sheriff, juries, prosecuting attorney and even judges had repeatedly refused to enforce the law against this rich and powerful criminal politician!

But it is amazing to see scores of the leading citizens of Atlantic City and the county, bankers, lawyers and doctors—not only politicians and blacklegs, but even clergymen,rallying warmly to the defence of this rich boodler and clamorously insisting that he should not be sent to jail. Would one of all these have lifted a finger had some poor mechanic excusably gone a little wrong?

It furnishes an appalling illustration of the seemingly limitless power of huge money, that a rogue could right in the public eye pursue a long career of successful villainy, and then when by chance brought to book, find apologists in such numbers and of such standing.

How true the words of the great Dramatist:

"Through tatter'd clothes small vices do appear;
Robes and furr'd gowns hide all. Plate sin with gold,
And the strong lance of justice hurtless breaks;
Arm it in rags, a pigmy's straw does pierce it."

SENATOR MOSES E. CLAPP

Senator Moses E. Clapp is a notable illustration of the "self-made man", that special product of this blessed land of Opportunity, where the poor railroad section hand leaves his shovel and walks into the office of the superintendent or of the president; where the unknown farmers' lad goes from his humble cabin to command the armies of the Union or fill the honored chair of the Chief Magistracy; or where, as in the case at bar, a poor boy cooking on a river barge, climbs the rungs of poverty's ladder to occupy at last a seat in the Senate of the United States—an honored leader among those who are shaping the destiny of a nation.

To Mr. Clapp's everlasting honor be it said, he has not in his eminence and power forgotten the plain people among whom he had his origin, but has chosen to be their advocate and champion rather than the gilded hireling of the vast monied interests, whose ignoble collars so many of his fellow senators wear to their eternal shame. Mr. Clapp's distinguished career is an inspiration for every poor, friendless lad in this land. May he long be spared to serve the people and to enjoy his large and well won honors.

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GIVE US A SENATOR

Mr. George V. Massey after having served the Pennsylvania Railroad Company well, both as their lobbyist for years in the Delaware Legislature and as their legal adviser in Philadelphia, has in his old age left their service and returned to Dover.

Rumor hath it that Mr. Massey would like to don one of Delaware's senatorial togas and represent her interests—and those of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company also—in the United States Senate.

But remembering his assiduous blue penciling of the rights of the people of this State, when for years he sat at Dover as the omnipotent "third house," the people believe his arduous labors in that behalf should have a long, long rest.

Delaware wants in her next senator brains and patriotism both, and above all, a devotion first and always to her interests before those of the grasping corporations and the Trusts—wants neither money bags nor railroad attorneys, but a MAN, and she is going to have just that.

SOME wag sent a lighting-rod agent to Mr. Roosevelt saying he needed that article atOyster Bay, and Teddy denied the soft impeachment — didn't need any. And that, too, with all the presidential lightning that for months past has been increasingly playing about the gables of Oyster Bay!

PORT PENN

Jos. B. Yearsley was an over Sunday visitor with George Hunter and family in Philadelphia.

Nathan Yearsley and wife are entertaining their daughter,Mrs. John Fortner of Wilmington.

Miss Myrtle Voshell has returned after a week's visit with her aunt, Mrs. John Spicer, of Delaware City.

Mr. Kemp, of Baltimore, of the Kemp Thomos Packing Co., was in the village on Tuesday contracting for tomatoes with the farmers for the coming season.

Ottis and Ottwell Carey from near the town extend a challenge to any two men in New Castle Co. in a wood chopping contest. In their practice of this week they felled a tree 90 feet high and 38 inches across the stump and had the entire thing in stove length in 4 hours 34 min, 2 5 sec.

While several young men of this place have been trying for weeks to get close enough to a flock of wild geese to bag some, it remained for Samuel Armstrong, Jr., and Jos. B. Yearsley to do the trick. Just as soon as the geese got in the river they were right after them,getting enough at one shot to feed several families.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 2	$.94	Corn—No. 1	
		Yellow, shelled	66
Timothy Seed	8.50	" cob	65
Clover Seed	14.00	Oats	65

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE

Eggs, per doz	40@43
Country Butter,per lb	38@44
Creamery Butter, per lb	47
Lard, per lb	10@14
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes	.80

NOTICE!

I, JOHN C. CARROLL, tenant and occupant of the house known as the National Hotel, situated at Middletown, in School District No. 60 6½ and 94, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the Acts of the General Assembly, in such cases made and provided do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on Monday, the 4th day of March, A. D., 1912 being the next term of said Court, for a license for said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

Geo. W. Price,	George W. Peterson,
Corbit Vinyard,	J. L. Parsons,
Geo. W. C. McCrone,	John P.Cochran,Jr.,
S. M. Rosenberg,	Alex. Maxwell,
Alex. Metten,	Geo. M. Wilson,
F. J. Pennington,	W. A. Comegys,
Julian Cochran,	Cyrus Tatman,
W. B Bigge,	J. M. Foster,
Geo. H. Johnson,	W. S. Letherbury,
John P. McIntire,	C. M. Cochran,
Thos. Whitlock,	R. R. Cochran,
Elmer E. Stafford,	James A. Donohoe,
Arthur Crow,	Jacob S. Cochran.

JOHN C. CARROLL,
Middletown, Feb., 1st, 1912.

ESTATE OF MARTHA B. CLEAVER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that letters of Administration upon the estate of Martha B. Cleaver, late of St. Georges Hundred, deceased, were duly granted unto John A. Cleaver, on the 21 day of January, A. D., 1912, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payment to the Administrator without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said Administrator, on or before the 2d day of January, A. D., 1913, or abide by the law in this behalf.

JOHN A. CLEAVER, Administrator.
Address: John A. Cleaver, Middletown Del., or his Attorney, John H. Rodney, Esq., Attorney-at Law, Wilmington, Del.

NOTICE!

I wish to inform the public that I have purchased the Lumber and Coal interests of the late G. E. Hukill, and will endeavor to keep at all times such Lumber as my patrons desire. I will appreciate a share of the liberal patronage given my predecessor.

Very truly,

I. D. SHORT.

Public Sale

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale, at his residence on the farm known as the "Hurst Farm," 1½ miles north of New Castle, Del.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, '12

At 10 o'clock A. M., Sharp

The following described personal property, to wit:

21 Head of

HORSES AND COLTS

No. 1. Dan Gray Percheron Stallion,7 years old, weight 1400 lbs. He is as true as steel, single or double and a sure colt getter. He is very quiet and easy to handle. I collected for the season 1910 fees from 31 mares from a book of 37. Come and see him, he is as pretty as a picture and his colts look like him.

No. 2 John, Bay Percheron Stallion, 4 years old, 17½ hands high; will weigh 1350 lbs. I have used him single and double, works quiet. He is as perfectly made as you can find them I used him in 1910 and I will sell day of sale five of his colts and they are hard to beat. Now if you want to make money do not let this opportunity go by; come and buy him.

No. 3. Dick Cream Colored Horse city sore. A splendid work horse, none better.

No. 4. Flora, black mare, works kind in all harness. A No. 1 brood mare; in foal by No. 2.

No. 5 Fannie, Gray mare, 12 years old, weight 1400 lbs. Cannot hook her wrong and you cannot balk her. Splendid brood mare, in foal by No. 2

No. 6. Dolly Bay Mare, 10 years old, works kind, single and double. Good driver and safe; fearless of steam or autos.

No. 7. Lou Bay Mare, 10 years old; as good as the best. Cannot hitch her wrong.

No. 8 Florence, Dark Gray Mare, 5 years old, weight 1350 lbs; thoroughly broken in all harness and she does not know her strength. No man owns a better one. If you have been looking for a good one, come and see Florence.

No. 9. Armedia Bell,Bay Mare, 4 years old, sire Bil Rocker; dam No. 7. Broken, fine driver and will just suit a young man.

No. 10. Midnight, Gray Horse Colt, 2 years old, fine size and well made. Sire Dan No. 1, Dam No. 4.

No. 11. Nellie Gray Mare Colt, 2 years old. Sire, Dan, No. 1, Dam No. 7 Have your eyes open for her.

No. 12. Sam, Gray Horse Colt, 2 years old, Sire, Dan, No. 6 Good size.

No. 13. Blanch,Bay Mare Colt,2 years old. Sire King George, sister to No. 8 This is a beauty.

No. 14. Bess, Gray Mare Colt, 1 year, old, good size and made right. Sire, Dan, No. 1; Dam No. 5.

No. 15. Queen, Dark Gray Mare Colt 1 year old; own sister to No. 8. Look her over.

No 16. Sadie, Black Mare Colt, 1 year old. Sire, King George; own sister to No 8. This is a good one.

Nos 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. Weanling Colts from my own mares and sired by my young horse, John, No. 2. They are fine size and good colors. If you are looking for something that will make you money, you cannot afford to miss this sale of young stock.

33 HEAD CATTLE

22 Head Good Milch Cows. Graded Holsteins and Guernseys,some now fresh; others will be by day of sale. Four 2 year old Guernsey Heifers. One 2 year old Holstein Heifer. Six 1 year old Guernsey and Holstein Heifers I raised these heifers from my best cows; see them and you will say I did right. One Guernsey Heifer Calf. Dairymen do not fail to attend this sale.

50 Thoroughbred Rhode Island Red Roosters will go for the cash.

I have no use for the above property, and it will be sold for the high dollar. When the hammer falls it will have a new owner.

Terms of Sale

On all sums of $25 00 and under the Cash will be required; on all sums over that amount a credit of Nine (9) Months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser Interest added from day of sale. No goods to be removed until terms are complied with.

Teams will meet the trolleys at Button wood crossing.

WILLIAM J. DANIELS
D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer
Ellis Hicks & Son, Clerks

Public Sale

The subscriber will sell without reserve, on his home farm in Appoquinimink Hundred, two miles below Odessa, on the State Road, on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, '12

At 11 o'clock, A. M. sharp,

The following Personal Property, to-wit:

11 HEAD HORSES AND COLTS

No. 1. May, bay mare, 10 years old good road mare, good worker.

No. 2. Skip, bay mare, 7 years old, good all around mare.

No. 3 Ada, bay mare, ankles a little enlarged, but one of the most durable road mares I have ever driven, fearless.

No. 4. Macmorill colt, coming 2 years old, dam No. 9.

No. 5. Brown colt, coming 2 years old, Percheron stock.

No. 6. Bay mare colt, coming 2 years, sired by Baron Larabie 40163.

No. 7. Black mare colt, 10 months old, Percheron and large.

No. 8. Totty Wilkes mare, 6 years old, has been worked on farm only but would make a first class driver.

No 9. Star, black mare, sired by Airamtara, 8 years old, with Morrill colt by her side five months old. This is a perfect family mare, fearless of all objects and has been driven by my daughters since she was three years old.

No. 10. Morrill Colt, 5 months old. will be sold with his dam or alone as desired.

No. 11. MacMorill, Jr., bay gelding, 3 years old, perfectly broken, fine driver and promises speed.

25 Cows

About half of which will be fresh by day of sale and most of balance forward springers. These cows are home raised and a very choice lot. One Thoroughbred Guernsey Bull, coming 4 years old; 1 Grade Short-horn Bull, coming 2 years.

20 GOOD HOGS AND PIGS

Four Fat Hogs, 2 very fine Brood Sows, Poland China,will farrow in early spring; 1 Poland China Boar Hog, one year old, first-class. The balance will weigh 50 to 75 lbs each Also, several pairs of Muscovy Ducks.

Farming Implements

Milk wagon, farm wagon and harness roller, disc harrow, orchard cultivator, two horse endless chain power, in complete order. This is the cheapest power one can use, two horses being equivalet to six with sweep power; 1 Dick fodder cutter, 1 double family carriage, made to order, capable of carrying five or six persons; Carriage pole Double Carriage Harness,Open Buggy and Harness. Ox Cart and Yoke and a number of smaller articles.

100 bushels of corn.

Terms of Sale

On all sums of $20.00 and under, the Cash will be required; on all sums over that amount a credit of eight (8) months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser. Interest added from day of sale. Positively no goods to be removed until terms are complied with.

GEORGE L. TOWNSEND.
D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.
William A. Scott, Clerk.
Henry Kronemeier, Clerk.

Public Sale

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale, on the"Levi Bird Farm," About 1½ miles West of Summit Bridge.

WEDNE SAY, FEB. 14, 1912

At 9 o'clock A. M.

The following described personal property, to-wit:

19 Head of

Horses,Colts,Mules

No. 1. STANTON, Brown Stallion, 6 years old, by Bohemia Boy and a Torina mare, will work anywhere and has been driven a mile in 2.37.

No. 2. NELLIE, Bay Mare, good worker and driver and fine brood mare.

No. 3. BEAUTY, Sorrel Mare, 15 years old, good brood mare and will work any place.

No. 4. GRANT, Bay Horse, 11 years old, good worker.

No. 5 DOLLIE, Bay Mare, with foal by Stanton, 8 years old good worker and driver.

No. 6. JACK, Sorrel Horse, 18 years old, good worker.

No. 7. PRINCE, Gray Horse, 8 years old, good worker and driver.

No. 8. TONIE, Bay Colt, 3 years old, by Bohemia Boy, has been worked.

No. 9. THELMA, Brown Mare, 2 yegrs old, by Bohemia Boy, out of Torina mare. Should show plenty of speed.

No. 10. DI K, Gray Colt, 2 years old, by Stanton.

No. 11. FANNIE, Bay Mare Colt, 2 years old, by Stanton.

No. 12. NANCY, Bay Mare, colt, 1 year old, by Stanton.

No. 13. TOPSY, Brown Mare, 2 years old, by Stanton.

No. 14. JIM, Bay Colt, coming 1 year old, by Stanton.

No. 15. Bay Colt, coming 1 year old, by Stanton.

No. 16. JACK and JENNIE, pair of mules, 10 years old, good workers.

No. 17. PETE and HATTIE, pair of mules, 4 years old, good workers.

No. 18. Bay Mule Colt, coming 1 year old,

No. 19. MAUD, Bay Mare, 23 years old, good worker.

19 Head of

MILCH COWS

Some with calves by their sides, and some will be fresh by day of sale. These are all young cows and good milkers. Four heifers coming 2 years old and 2 heifers coming 1 year old. Two steers coming 2 years old.

Eleven Shoats and one Boar, weighing about 100 pounds each

Farming Implement, &c.

Four farm wagons, 3 hay riggings, 1 creamery wagon, 2 Deering binders, in good condition, 1 has only cut one crop and the other three crops, 1 cart, 1 Milwaukee mower, in good condition; 1 horse rake, 1 grain fan, 2 rollers, 1 gang plow, 5 three-horse plows, 2three section spring tooth harrows, 2 twin harrows, 1 iron harrow, 3 sulky cultivators, 1 wheelbarrow seed sower, 1 "Farmers' Favorite," 11 spout grain drill; 1"Deere corn planter, 1 farm bell, in good condition; harness, collars, bridles and many other things too numerous to mention that go on a well equipped farm.

Terms of Sale

On all sums of $20 00 and and under the Cash will be required, on all sums over that amount a credit of Twelve (12) Months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser. Interest added from day of sale. No goods to be removed until terms are complied with.

R. GEO. BUCKWORTH
Eugene Racine, Auct.
R. L. Price, Inside Clerk.

Public Sale

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale, on the W. A. Cochran Farm, on the road leading from Odessa to Middletown

Tuesday, FEB. 13, '12

At 10 o'clock A, M. M., Sharp

The following described Personal Property, to wit:

13 HEAD OF

HORSES AND MULES

No. 1. Dexter, bay horse, 9 years old, weigh 1050 lbs., 15 hands high. A good worker or driver, safe for a lady.

No. 2 Big Charley, bay horse, 9 years old, weigh 1300 lbs., 16 hands high, good all around horse, just the kind a farmer needs.

No. 3. Dick, bay horse, 10 years old, weigh 1200 lbs., 16 hands high. Never a better one hooked up.

No. 4. Prince, bay horse, 12 years old, weigh 1200 lbs., 17 hands high. A good driver or worker; fearless of all objects.

No. 5 Charley, dark bay horse, 7 years old, weigh 1000 lbs., 15 hands high. One of the best drivers ever a rein was pulled over.

No. 6 Bob, bay horse, 8 years old, weigh 1200 lbs., 15 hands high, fearless; suitable for family use.

No. 7. Tessie, black mare, 5 years old, in foal to Julian Cleave.'s Percheron Prince, elegant farm mare.

No. 8. Tid, black mare, 7 years old, in foal by Prince March and has shown lots of speed.

No. 9. Lessie, bay mare, 14 years old, splendid driver, with good disposition, absolutely fearless of steam or automobiles a good family mare.

No. 10. Mary, brown mare, 4 years old, in foal to J. Cleaver's Percheron Prince. Good worker and has been driven single.

Nos. 11 and 12. Beck and Coley, 10 year old, weigh 2200 lbs., pair of black mules, well mated. A farmer will make no mistake in buying these mules.

No. 13. Josh, brown horse colt, 8 months old, sired by Elwood Naylor's horse, dam No. 8, well made.

18 Head of Cattle

6 springes and some with calves by their sides. Eight of these are thoroughbred Holsteins,although I never had them registered. Excellent milker.

Highwood Duke the 10th, Thoroughbred Berkshire Boar. With papers, will weigh about 200 lbs. This is an exceptionally fine hog. Come and look him over, Four Brood Sows, to farrow soon. 13 Shoats, from 40 to 60 lbs.

Lot of chickens. Thoroughbred Plymouth Rock hens and 6 cockerels will be sold in lots of 12 hens and one cockerel.

Farming Implements

Three farm wagons, practically new; 1 Deering binder, used two years. 1 Empire drill, 1 roller, 1 rake, 1 spring tooth harrow,1 disc harrow,1 iron harrow,60 tooth; 1 wooden harrow; 60 tooth 1 Hoosier corn planter, 1 corn sled, 2 riding cultivators,4 hand cultivators, 1 mower,2 hay riggings, 1 carriage, 1 seeder, 1 fan, 1 corn sheller 3 sets wagon harness, 7 sets plow harness, 10 collars, 12 bridles, shovels,forks, hedge knives, 6 milk cans 1 grindstone, lawn mowers, 1 bell, 450 gallon horse trough, 1 hog trough and single and double trees.

The above implements are all practically new, some of them having only been used one season.

Terms of Sale

On all sums of $20.00 and under the Cash will be required. On all sums over that amount a credit of Nine (9) Months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser. Interest added from day of sale.

EUGENE C. MC COY
D. P. HUTCHISON, Auctioneer.
Henry Kronemier, Outside Clerk.
George L. Townsend, Clarance E. Pool } Inside Clerks.

LARGE Public Sale

"AT "MAPLE GROVE"

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming will positively sell without reserve, on his farm, two miles South of Middletown,and one mile North of Townsend, known as the "Crawford Farm"

MONDAY, FEB. 12TH, 1912

At 10 o'clock A. M., Sharp

The following described personal property to-wit:

21 HEAD OF

HORSES & COLTS

No. 1 Ben, Bay Gelding, 5 years old, 15 hands high,is sound, broken to all harness and a splendid saddle horse.

No. 2. Maggie,Brown mare 6 years old 15½ hands high, sound and kind in all harness, and is safe; in foal to James Carpenter's percheron stallion.

No. 3. Steelawey March, black Stud Colt, coming 2 years old,by Prince March 2.13¾, dam a fast pacing mare, breeding unknown. Here is a nice big likely colt, all sound, clean and good gaited. come and see him step.

No. 4. Maud, Bay Mare, 15½ hands high sound. This is a good all around high-class mare; she drives and works as faithful as any horse I ever owned, you can't hook her wrong. She is sound, her age is 10 years and she is in foal to Prince March 2 13¼.

No. 5 Black Girl; Black Mare, 15½ hands high, sound. This is one of the best ones. She drives and works prompt and true: saddles right, is as pretty as a picture, and being fearless of all objects makes her suitable for ladies use, either to ride or drive,and is coming 5 years old.

No 6. Fanny, Brown mare, 15¾ hands high, 5 years old sound, can work like a mule and can road you twelve miles an hour. She is a fine big mare, by Myrtleton and is in foal to Prince March 2.13¾.

No. 7. Thelma,Torino Bay mare coming 3 years old, 15½ hands high sound,kind and broken to all harness. She will do some one lots of good for she is sired by Torino and is a half sister to Bohemia Girl 2 15¼, and Alice Southworth 2.14¾. she is also safe; in foal to Prince March 2 13¾.

No. 8. Lizzie P., brown mare 15½ hands high,by Sentinel Wilkes. Here is a good one, sound and will work or drive anywhere;is a fine brood mare and is now in foal to a percheron horse.

No. 9. Miss March, brown mare, 15½ hands high, 6 years old, sire Prince March 2.13¼, dam Colmar Bell by William L., the sire of Axtell 2.12. at 3 years old second dam by Happy Medium. This mare is standard bred but not registered. She is sound and kind to work or drive and is perfectly fearless, has been driven and ridden by a lady; she saddles like a cradle and can show a 2 50 gait on the trot, in foal to a percheron horse.

No. 10. Isaac, bay stud, 15½ hands high, 9 years old, kind and fearless. Anybody can use this horse any place to work or drive; he is a good all round horse.

No. 11. Jack Johnson, black gelding, 16 hands high, 3 years old, sound and kind will work in all harness. He is the best colt I every hooked to work.

No. 12. Lady March, bay mare, 6 years old, 15½ hands high, Reg. Vol. 7, sired by Prince March 2.13¼ dam Bertie C., Vol. 17. She is kind, sound and has paced a mile in 2.27 without straps. This mare can show a 2 20 gait right now; remember her number; register papers go with her.

No. 13. Bessie, bay mare, 15½ hands high, 8 years old, is a good all around mare, will work anywhere you put her.

No. 14. Queen March, bay filly, foaled 1911, sired by Prince March 2.13¼, dam No. 12 on the list. This is a nice big colt and trots all the time.

No. 15. Twillmo March, black filly, 2 years old, sired by Prince March 2 13¼, dam sired by Alrantara and a half sister to Barnett B. 2.06¾. This filly is a half sister to R. T. C. who won more money in 1911 than any other trotter ever won, she has shown me more speed than and trotter I ever raised. This is a splendid prospect, she is all sound and kind.

No. 16. Darkey Monarch, black stud colt, foaled in 1910, sired by Brillant Monarch the 3d, 43605 a registered percheron. This is one of the most handsome growthy percheron colts you ever saw. He will weigh 1000 pounds by day of sale and will make some one a fine stock horse.

No. 17. Bell March, bay filly, 2 years old, by Prince March 2 13¼. Here is a nice made likely colt, shows good and is all sound and clean.

No. 18. Sentinel, brown colt, 2 years, old, has been used a little and is all sound and right.

No. 19. Toddles, a yearling filly, her dam the best percheron mare I ever owned.

No. 20. Bird, roan mare, 2 years old, dam Lady Nutwood, sire James Carpenter's percheron stallion; has been used some little, is sound and good.

No. 21. Dan, grey colt, 2 years old, by James Carpenter's percheron stallion.

Cattle

Consisting of 35 head of milch cows and heifers, all raised on my farm. They are a high grade lot of cattle, with the finest markings, mostly white with small black spots and most of them entitled to register some will be in profit by day of sale and others close springers; they are all good ages. Among them are 11 Holstein cows, fine size and excellent milkers, 2 grade Guerneseys, 7 Holstein heifers, coming 2 years old; 9 Holstein heifers, ranging from 4 to 9 months old; 2 Holstein bulls, 5 and 6 months. These cows are by Beet's Paul De Kol and he by Paul De Kol No. 25383.

One Thoroughbred Holstein Bull, his Dam by De Kol the 2nd d'c.

WAGONS and HARNESS —One dearborn, new; 5 farm wagons and 1 peach body, with springs, all in perfect order, ready for use, 4 hay riggings, new; 3 sets of leather harness, made by J. F. Clift; 3 sets of chain harness, 1 set of dearborn harness. 10 collars, 10 bridles, 10 sets of plow harness, 18 rope halters, 25 cow chains by the piece.

Farming Utensils, &c.

A full line of implements,in good order, as follows: 2 Deering binders, 1 Deering mower, new, has cut but 20 acres, 1 Moline gang plow, all complete; 1 disc plow, in perfect order, 1 B. & H, grain drill, 2 spring-tooth harrows, 1 wooden frame harrow, 2 Weird plows, size 26¾; 1 Weird plow, size 16; 1 Syracuse plow, 1 Oliver plow, 2 Ohio cultivators, new; 3 Iron Age cultivators, 3 hand cultivators, 1 horse rake, 1 roller, made by L. V. Aspril, Odessa, Del.; 1 John Deere corn planter, 1 U. S. corn planter, 1 grindstone, 1 corn sheller, 1 randle harrow, 1 grain fan, 1 set of scales. 1 cross cut saw, 1 white pine meat cast and other barrels, 1 half bushel, 2 barn shovels, a lot of scythes, hoes, spades, forks, hedge knives, corn knives, rakes, hand tools and many other articles too numerous to mention

CREAMERY FIXTURES—Consisting of six milk cans and 2 milk buckets.

POULTRY—Consisting 50 hens, 3 roosters, 3 muscovy ducks and 1 drake, 3 pekin ducks and 1 drake.

HAY—10 tons of Millett and Soy bean hay as bright as a new mill dollar, and will be sold for the CASH.

Any one wishing to inspect the stock before day of Sale can do so at any time.

Terms of Sale

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C. M. COCHRAN
Mr. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.
Mr. R. L. Price, Inside Clerk,
Mr. H. M. Lockwood, Outside Clerk.

Note.—The sale will positively start at 10 o'clock. There is a lot to sell and they will be sold. My property is rented and I have no further use for it.

If Stormy sale will take place on Saturday, February 17th, 1912,

. . . Our . . .
INVENTORY SALE

ON February 20th next, it will be just a year since we as the firm of Fogel & Burstan established here in Middletown our Department Store; and following the practice of all good merchants, we take an account of stock at the end of every year. As a preparation for this necessary event, we always make extra efforts to close out our various lines of goods, especially those in which, by reason of some unusual season, etc., we find ourselves less sold out than common. Hence our Stock-taking Time is also a Bargain selling Time. We have had in this our first year, a much bigger volume of business than we had expected and to meet its demands, we had, from time to time, to add largely to our stocks. Consequently, we have a far bigger task in taking this account of everything in our store; and so to lessen the big job, we offer extra inducements to our customers—make them such inviting **Special Prices** as must result in more sales. Then, too, our big year's business leaves us with innumerable odds and ends, remnants, one-of-a-kind, etc.—a lot of things that must be gotten out of the way—quick, and to do this—nothing like Price Cutting—the deeper, the better — Bargains, bargains and big ones.

10c Hill's Muslin 7 1-2c

1000 yards of 10c Hill's Muslin—**during next week only** for **7 1-2c**

50 $15.00 to $18.00 Ladies' and Misses' Coat Suits $8.98

All colors, also beautiful mixtures. There are suits in this lot suitable for dress occasions or for daily wear. All this winter's styles, strictly all-wool material, fashionably cut and honestly made. Don't imagine that because the prices are much smaller than usual that the goods are not up to the standard—for these are truly, fine goods for small money.

Ladies' and Misses' Coats

We group together here a lot of Ladies' and Misses' Coats, Polo Coats, Cloth and Rain Coats—all at **$5.00.**

Serge and Caracul Coats, formerly $15.00 and $18.00 now **$9.98.**

FURS=Clearance Sale

All our furs must go, regardless of cost

$10.00 Neck Pieces	$5.00
7.50 " "	3.98
4.50 " "	1.98
6.00 Muffs	3.98
3.50 "	1.98
15.00 Set of Furs	10.00

Children's Coats

Down to ½ Price. All colors, made of Cloth, Caraculs, Plushes and Bearskins Sizes 2 to 14 years.

All our $10.00 Children's Coats	$5.00
" " 8.00 " "	4.00
" " 7.00 " "	3.50
" " 5.00 " "	2.50
" " 2.50 " "	1.75

All our Corsets down 10 per cent. during this sale

White Goods

Our sale of fine muslins, etc., was a big "hit" with the ladies. We have had pleasing news to that effect besides the evidence of our big sales, and in order to give those a chance who missed our first sale we have added to our White Goods so that late buyers can still be had. Bargains are still to be had in these goods.

Space forbids our mentioning many other bargains just as attractive as these, in Dry Goods, Shoes, Quilts and Blankets, Sweaters, Underwear, Men's Furnishings, Children's Dresses, Skirts, Waists and countless odds and ends—all to go for little money—we repeat it, every article is offered at a **Substantial Reduction** at this End of the Year Sale.

Fogel & Burstan

Department Store

Cor. Broad and Main Streets

Middletown, - - Delaware

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1911 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE,
FEBRUARY 24th, 1912
From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
FEBRUARY 26th, 1912
From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT DELANEYS,
FEBRUARY 28th, 1912
From 1 to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

JOHN BEITH,

Now is the Time to Buy

And an inspection of these properties will make you seriously consider.

No, 580 130 acres at Quaker Neck Whf. 125 in cultivation, balance in timber, apple and pea, orchard, meadow, good soil, fair fencing near school, church and stores, 6 miles to Chestertown, 8 room frame house, porch, good condition, stable, barn, carriage house, etc., shade, excellent well of water. Directly on Chester river. Cheap at $7.500.

No. 578 131 acres, Broad Neck, Kent County, 108 cleared, balance in timber, apples and pears. 6 room frame house, tenant house of 5 rooms, stable, barn and carriage house, shade, good soil, good water, near school, church and stores. $4.000.

J. WATERS RUSSELL.
REAL ESTATE BROKER
Chestertown Maryland.

The severe weather of the past two weeks has caused a sharp advance in the price of feed stuffs. Better get your supplies enough ahead to save Increase in the price.

Present prices are:

Cotton Seed Meal	$34.00
Boveta Hull and Meal Mixture	26.50
Bran	31.00
Sucrene Dairy Feed	28.50
Sucrene Horse and Mule Feed	31.00
Blatchford's Calf Meal	4 1-2c per lb.

From $2.00 to $2.50 discount per ton to milk patrons.

Middletown Farms, Inc.

John Heldmyer, Jr.

Fancy and Staple Groceries
FRESH AND SALT MEATS

Strictly Fresh EGGS, - 40c and 43c
Farmers' Creamery BUTTER, - 43c

Our Own Make of Fresh Sausage a Specialty

NOTE.—I pay the highest CASH prices for all Country Produce, and sell Strictly for Cash; allowing my customers 2 per cent. discount. PHONE NO. 53.

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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—7.50 a. m., 8.30 a m., 11.30 a. m., .50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 3, 1912

LOCAL NEWS

Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
J. C. GREEN.

The best steak, roasts, lamb and veal, at W. C. Jone's.

FRESH and SALT FISH at my store at all times. W. C. JONES

Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
J. C. GREEN.

Use "Crystaloid Dairy Feed". Analysis guaranteed at
Evans' Echange Store.

Highest Cash Prices paid for all kinds of Hydes. HELDMYER'S STORE.

Keen Kutler Hardware is first quality Hardware. Sold by
REDGRAVE BROS.

FOR RENT—House on East Main street possession given March 25 Apply to MRS. H. V. HARRIS.

HIDES WANTED.—The highest cash prices paid for horse and cow hides.
W. C. JONES.

FOR SALE—A few choice White Rock Cockerels. Apply to
S. F. SHALLCROSS
Odessa, Del.

It pays to use good paint. Wetherill's Atlas Paint is good paint. Sold by
REDGRAVE BROS.

FOR SALE—One Sleigh and set of bells, both in good condition. Will be sold cheap for cash.
J. H. EMERSON

WALL PAPER, I am sole agent for the Newark Wall Paper Co., and have a full line of samples.
J. E. GINN
Middletown, Del

Do not neglect your teeth.; A little attention now may save you much pain and expense in the future.
Dr. J. ALLEN JOHNSON,
Middletown, Del.

WANTED—A farm on thirds. Have my own help, and can furnish best of reference. Address. CHARLES NORTH.
Hockessin, Del

If you want a good floor finish use Rogers Stain floor varnish. Sold by
REDGRAVE BROS.

HIGH GRADE LEHIGH COAL, all sizes ALWAYS in stock and under cover. Guaranteed free from dirt. Oak Wood to fit the stove. 'Phone 5 and 48.
JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

HORSES CLIPPED—I wish to inform the public that I am prepared to clip horses in an up to-date manner on short notice. J. Z CROSSLAND,
Middletown Hotel Stables,

FRESH MILK—I have made arrangements with Mr. John Heldmyer Jr., to handle my milk, where old customers or new ones can get same at all hours of the day. J. C. ALSTON

FOR SALE—Locust, Chestnut, White Oak and Cedar fence posts Also sheep hitching and gate posts Fire wood by the load. M. MARSHALL
Fieldsboro, Del.

After October first, the library hours will be:—Tuesdays, 3 30 to 5; Fridays, 7 to 8 30; Saturdays 3 to 5. The library will be open on Tuesday evenings to school children exclusively.

FOR RENT—The two dwellings on East Cochran street, now occupied by Messrs. A. Fogel and Edward Alexander. Bath, heat, electric lights and other improvements. Apply to
THE TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

The ladies of Forest Presbyterian Church are planning to give a "Martha Washington" supper in the Sunday School room on February 22d. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the church fund.

Miss Ada L. Lockwood wishes to thank all her kind neighbors and friends, white and colored, for their efforts in fighting the fire on her farm "Fair Oaks," and keeping watch during the night of January 24th, 1912.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post-office for the week ending Jan 25th: Miss Anna Black, Kate Brown, (Dead Letter) Mrs. Henrietta Hackett, Miss Emma Warl, Miss Lizzie Hines; Mr. W. T. Anderson, John Baynard, Mr. Tall Price, Geoage Wardes, John B. Cabscuna-Kis.

At a meeting of the congregation of Forest Preparation Church, held after the service on Sunday morning, it was decided to discontinue the annual collection, for the endowment fund that has been taken on the Sunday before Thanksgiving for several years. The fund now amounts to something more than $2300. An opportunity will be given, however, to any one wishing to contribute to the fund, in order that the fund may be increased.

Mr. H. P. Kelly who has been manager for the Peninsula of the Osborne Division of the International Harvesting Co., has removed with his family to Tyrone Pa., but will still be in the employ of the Company. Mr. Kelly has been four years in Middletown, and only now removes on account of the health of his family. The town is loath to lose so good a citizen and his pleasant family. His successor is Mr. Charles B. Hidley of Wilmington.

St. Anne's Church Notes

Service on Sunday Feb 4th, being Septuagesima—Holy Communion and Sermon at 10.30. Sunday School at 11.45—Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7 30

Owing to the Rector's absence in Washington there will be no service on Wednesday evening.

Service on Friday afternoon at 3 30.

The Ladies Guild will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 2 P. M. in the Parish House.

A Birthday Dinner

In honor of his and Mrs. Cox's four score milestone in life's journey Mr Alfred G. Cox gave on Friday a dinner to a few relatives and friends at his home on Green Street. Among the invited guests were Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pogue, of Wilmington; Mrs. Clara Yothers, his sister, and Mrs. Edith Studd, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Edgar Horn and Mrs. John Armstrong, of Middletown. A number of friends also called in the evening to pay their respects.

THE "MOVIES" STILL MOVING

The "movies" are getting a fresh "move" on themselves new things and good ones all the time. Monday night was a delicious red letter day for Mr. Newman. A very interesting potpouri, in plainer English—medley—hash—of the Russian oil wells at Buku; Chicago Athletics; the raising of the Maine in Havana harbor: pictures showing how fireworks are made especially some of the elaborate pieces; a bull fight scene at Los Angeles; an exhibition of the latest in fire fighting apparatus—auto fire engines and trucks; a view of the world's nugest battleship the Moreno, a sistership to the Rivadavia for the Argentine Republic, sliding into the water from the ways at Cramp's shipyard in Camden, N. J; views of the big cigar-shaped Zppelin passenger airship in Potsdam, Germany; the Sultan's deputation for Mecca, marching the streets of Constantinople; and then a first class bit of humor that brought tears, ha-has, guffaws and grins innumerable all over the house—"A Hot Time in Atlantic City."

On Thursday evening the Irish melodrama, "Arra-Na-Pogue" with fine coloring and well acted, pleased the audience. Next Monday night, "Cinderella" will be presented—a beautiful representation of that famous nursery classic. The little folks all over town should by all means be allowed to view this pretty story pictured out and acted as in very life.

SENATOR MOSES E. CLAPP

On Tuesday evening despite the impassible condition of the sleety sidewalks and the slippery roads, a good sized audience, largely composed of Democrats, gathered in the Town Hall to hear Hon. Moses E. Clapp Senator from Minnesota discuss the Initiative, the Referendum, and the Recall.

The speaker's hearers were some of the most intelligent of our citizens and among them were a few ladies.

Mr. William W. Knowles a well known Democratic attorney from Wilmington was named as chairman for the evening by Mr. M. B. Burris, and he spoke briefly explaining the character and purposes of the "Referendum League of Delaware" under whose auspices Mr. Clapp had come without any compensation, to address the citizens of Middletown as he had previously done in Wilmington, Dover, and elsewhere in this State.

Senator Clapp made a strong exposition of the principles of these new methods of government and held his auditory attentive and interested for two hours and a quarter—a long while to hold the close attention of hearers of so practical and dry a theme. He was frequently applauded during his remarks, which at times also displayed considerable eloquence, and were all the time earnest and forcible.

RESOLUTIONS

Peoples National Bank, Middletown, Del., April 22d, 1911.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all wise Providence to remove from our midst by death Zadoc A. Pool one of the organizers and original directors of the bank, one who was wise in council, unselfish in the performance of his duties, and faithful alike to the bank and its patrons.

Until his health failed he was Vice-President and very rarely was he absent from the meeting of the board, ever ready to meet his full share of the responsibilities of the position; watchful of the interests of the bank and mindful of the needs of the borrower.

We will miss him in our meetings, not as a director only, but socially, and will remember with much pleasure his kindly courteous bearing toward his fellow directors and officers of the bank.

Resolved, That this slight testimonial to his worth be spread upon the minutes of the bank; copies sent to the newspapers of Middletown for publication, and that the Secretary be requested to send a copy to the family of our lamented friend,

G. L. TOWNSEND
J. FRANK ELLISON
JEFFERSON B. FOARD
} Committee.

New Bank President

Saturday the directors of the People's National Bank, at a meeting in the bank unanimously elected Mr. George L. Townsend, of Odessa, president in the place of Mr. George M. D. Hart, of Townsend, recently deceased.

Mr. Townsend is well known as an experienced man of large capacity and sound judgment, and of unquestioned probity, and will make an excellent executive officer for that institution. Mr. Townsend, moreover has many friends both here and in Odessa, and in all the country around, and will, no doubt, bring to the bank as their president many friends and customers.

THE TRANSCRIPT joins numerous friends in their complimentary expressions and wishes him, furthermore, all health and many years in which to serve his bank and to enjoy the honor conferred upon him.

Century Club Business Meeting

At a business meeting of the New Century Club held last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Elizabeth H. Moore was elected president to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Grace Day Brady, deceased. Mrs. Sylvia W. Burris was elected first vice-president to succeed Mrs. Moore.

Mr. Moore has since announced her intention of resigning the office of president and it is probable a new president will be elected at the meeting next Tuesday.

It was decided at the meeting to hold the Federation meeting here in May. It was thought by some of the members that it would be wise to have the Federation meet in some other town, because of the death of the president, but the majority voted to have it meet in Middletown.

A Handsome Compliment

A lady who has recently come to Middletown to reside, paid us this fine compliment. "I have for years attended the White Goods Sale of Wanamakers, but was prevented this year. So I thought I would have a look at FOGEL & BURTAN'S "White Goods Sale". To my great surprise I found I could buy just as fine goods there as I had done at Wanamakers, and that, too for less money. I am surprised to find in a country town such a large and well stocked store as theirs."

Naturally we're quite proud of that, for it was an unsought commendation. We have made such a "hit" in our "White Goods Sale," and the buyers are still after them so numerously, that we have bought more. Other new things worth reading in our ad. in this paper.

OUR FRIENDS AND VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Etta Collins is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Scott.

Miss Emma Kelly has been the guest of relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Mary Baker spent several days of last week with relatives near Harrington.

Mrs. George V. Peverley has returned from a visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Miriam Berkman spent Friday and Saturday of last week with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Lillian Montgomery, of New Castle spent Thursday with Mrs. Frank Gallagher.

Mrs. Hiram Reeds, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Rev. William H Hutchin and daughter.

Mrs. Henry D. Howell and two sons spent several days of this week with relatives in Camden, N. J.

Mr. Charles Crainer, of Chestertown, Md., is spending some time with his daughter Mrs. John L. Byron.

Mr. Herman Wilson, of Beaut, Mont., is spending sometime with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jaquith, of near Chertertown, Md., spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs John L. Byron.

Mrs. William E Barnard, of New York City, was the guest of Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd for two days of this week.

Mrs. T. S. Fouracre and sister Mrs. Frank Hetzel are spending this week with relatives in Milford and Frederica.

Mrs. M. B. Burris is visiting for ten days her sister and nieces in Wilmington and Mrs. Frank J. Lloyd in Camden N.J.

Senator Moses E. Clapp and Mr. W. W. Knowles, during their stay in town were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burris.

We regret to announce the serious illness of Miss Sallie Hilyard who has been confined to her home for the past two weeks.

Mr. W. Harry Hutchin, of Minneapolis, Min., arrived in town on Sunday evening last to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. W. H. Hutchin.

Mr. Julian Smith, Misses Anna Spear and Janie Smith, of Cecilton, and Messrs. William and Julius Kirk were entertained by Mrs. Julia Cosden and family on Sunday last.

Edward Manlove, Jr., who has been very sick at his home near town for many weeks, we are glad to learn is improving and his friends hope he will soon be restored to health.

Mrs. J. Fletcher Deakyne has been a visitor at the home of her sister in Still Pond, Md. Mrs. Deakyne's two brothers from Easton, Md., are also in still Pond a family reunion is being held.

Rev. Percy L. Donaghay Rector of St. Anne's has been elected a delegate to the Sunday School Institute of the Third Missionary Department of the Episcopal Church which meets in Epiphany Episcopal Church, Washington D.C., on Tuesday February 6th. Other delegates are the Rev. A. E. Clay of Old Swedes Wilmington and the Rev. C. H. Holmead Asst. Rector of St. Johns, Wilmington.

CECILTON

Mrs. C. Windsor has been visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Regina Price was the guest of Miss Emma Brown on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Weed is spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Miss Clara Manlove was the guest of Mrs. Alexander Wilson on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Watts were Wilmington visitors on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Eliza Reed spent several days of this week with friends of near Earleville.

Miss Ella Cannon, of Town Point, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents here.

Mrs. Arthur Davis and son Walter Clayton, were Chesapeake City visitors recently.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Craycroft, of near Earleville visited friends in town on Thursday.

Mrs. John Rowan, of near Earleville, was the guest of Mrs. William Peacock one day last week.

Miss Lidia Curry, of Collingswood, N. J., is the guest of her cousin Miss Katherine Wilson near town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Darby and daughter were guests of Mrs. Piser, of near Warwick, on Sunday.

The M. E. Sunday School Bible Class met at the house of Mrs. Henry Skinner last Thursday evening.

Mrs. R. A. Snyder spent one day this week with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove, of near Bohemia.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. George Fillingame spent Friday in Wilmington.

Clayton L. Ellison, Jr., was a Wilmington visitor on last Friday.

Miss Lidie Sager, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Sager.

Mrs. Mary Clayton Price is spending sometime with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary H. Cooper spent this week in Laurel owing to the death of her mother.

Mrs. Joseph De Coursey, of Philadelphia spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. A. J. DeCoursey.

The young people of the Presbyterian Church are planning to give a play in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Howard have returned from a visit with her parents at Woolford, Md.

Miss Carrie P. Wright attended the funeral of her uncle R. T. Wright in Cambridge Md., on Saturday.

The scholars of Miss Ellison's dancing class will give a St. Valentine dance in the Masonic Hall, February 14th.

Mr. Eugene Thorton and Miss A Louise Boulden of this town were quietly married in Elkton on Saturday last by Rev. S. M. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hopper, H. G. Hager, Bennett Steele, Hugh Caldwell, G. S. Wooley and George Bennett attended the funeral of George R. Ash on Sunday.

TOWNSEND

Mr. Clyde Shockley was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Hart, of Philadelphia was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. H Parvis, of Middletown was, in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ben Levy was the guest of her sister in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atwell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutchison, of near town.

Miss Laura Donohoe, of Middletown, was the guest of Miss Ruth Richardson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Miss Laura Heavelow.

Dr. Watt preached here on Sunday morning. Every one that was present enjoyed his sermon.

Mr Horace Van Dyke, of near Smyrna, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Van Dyke.

Misses Ethel Lee and Leilah Money were the guests of John W. Morris and family, of near Smyrna on Thursday.

Mrs. Mollie Lathman returned to her home at Washington on Tuesday after spending a while with relatives here.

We are glad to say at this writing that Mrs. Mollie Hart who has been ill for several days days with the grippe is much improved.

Death came to the home of Mr. John Clayton last Thursday night and took away his sister, Miss Grace who had for some time been suffering from consumption. Funeral services were held Sunday at one o'clock at the Church, interment in Townsend. The pall bearers were Misses Elizabeth Richardson, Naomi Shockley, Marion Reynolds, Marion Hart, Reba and Grace Outten.

BLACKBIRD

Mr. John Beith, spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Susan A. Davis, is visiting friends near Middletown.

Mr. William Fortner, spent last Thursday in Philadelphia.

Mr. William A. Watson, Jr. spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Samuel Yester is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ollie Pryor in, Clayton.

Mrs. Conard Zackiee, of Port Penn, is visiting her sister, Miss Anna Keen.

Miss Mina Keen, of near Lionville, Pa., is visiting her sister, Miss Anna Keen.

Miss Ethel Fenemore, spent last Thursday and Friday with Miss Anna Keen, and sisters.

Miss Zela Johnson, of near Leipsic, is visiting her uncle, Mr. Gilmore Johnson and family.

Mr. Edgar Slaughter, spent a few days of last week with her sister, Mrs. Ollie Pryor, in Clayton.

Mr. Levy Reeve returned to her home in Camden, N. Y. after visiting her sister, Mrs. Theodore Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and daughter, Frances of Delaware City., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Watson, Sr.

Epworth League Servicee, Sunday evening. The leader Mrs. William L. Reynolds. The Topic "False Security of the Unrighteous."

A CORRECTION—In our Blackbird letter last week we stated that Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shaw, of Wilmington, were over Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Buckson. We should have said Miss Beulah Buckson and friend Mr. Martin Shaw, of Wilmington, were over Sunday visitors at Mr. and Mrs. James A Buckson's.

WARWICK

Miss Daisy Baudler is quite ill at her home near town.

Miss Ethel Vinyard, of Hockessin, was a Sunday visitor in town.

We are glad to report that Miss Eva Weldon is improving rapidly.

Miss Annie Spear, of Cecilton, spent Wednesday with Mrs. S. D. Wilson.

Miss Annie Poor, of Wilmington, is spending sometime with her parents in town.

Mr. Guy Johnson, of Elkton, was a visitor at the home of Mr. R. B. Merritt on Sunday.

Mrs. William Sweeney, of Norwood, visited Mrs. S. E. Gunkel from Sunday until Wednesday.

Mr. Amos Wilson and Miss Mamie Merritt spent Thursday and Friday with Miss Annie Spear.

Mr. Daniel Wilson, of Wilmington, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Josephine Wilson on Sunday.

Mrs. Neil Ginn and children, of near Mt. Pleasant, visited her mother, Mrs. V. S. Vinyard over Sunday.

Mr. Raymond Elderdice, of Westminster, spent several days last week at the home of Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Hill.

ODESSA

Mr. R. Sacks was in Philadelphia part of last week.

Mr. George Buckson visited Wilmington several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Watkins left Wednesday last for a trip South.

Mr. Elwood Dulin was a Wilmington visitor Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tyson, of Philadelphia, were visitors in town last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma Eccles entertained her cousin Miss Lou Skelenger, of Wilmington, part of last week.

Mr. Clark Coppage, of New York City, spent part of last week with his mother, Mrs. Georgia Coppage.

Mr. Frank Massey, of Chester, Pa., spent several days last week with his friend Mr. John Gremminger.

The remains of Mrs. Eliza A. Appleton were interred at St. Paul's M. E. Cemetery Saturday afternoon last The deceased was an earnest and faithful christian and for many years an active member of St. Paul's M. E. Church.

$12 For Sugar Corn

The following advertisement appeared in last Saturday's issue of the Chestertown (Md.) *Transcript*:

"Sugar Corn Wanted" asking growers' to contract for some 500 acres at $12 per ton, the canners, Mitchell Bros., of Aberdeen, Harford county, Md., to do the snapping, farmers to do hauling to factory."

We would suggest that some of our sugar corn growers write Mitchell Bros., asking them to come to Middletown, where they can get 1000 acres of corn at the above named price.

TWO MASONIC PRESENTATIONS

Handsome Past Master Gifts, Complimentary Speeches and a Banquet

On Thursday evening the members of Union Lodge No. 5 A. F. and A. M. presented Messrs Alfred G. Cox and John A. Jolls, both Past Masters, with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel. A scroll bearing the word Union with the figure "5" cunningly wrought in the lower ornamental edge, supports by two golden chains a fac simele copy of the old seal of the lodge which is 147 years old, and besides the customary square and compass has the letters "A. Y. M.", Ancient York Masons (from the early Pennsylvania lodge deriving their charter from the Duke of York,) engraved thereon and the motto "Amor, Honora, et Justicia" "Love, Honor and Justice." "in a circle around the border." It is a curious fact that through the blunder of the compositer, or engraver the Latin word Honor is incorrectly spelled "Honora." From this copy of the old seal is suspended a large wreath having within it a large square, compass and quadran. The back of the seal has the inscription "Alfred G. Cox Presented by Union Lodge No. 5, Middletown Del. 1832—1912." Union Lodge No. 5, was from its founding in 1765 until 1816 known as "Lodge No. V. of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania Ancient York Masons."

While the Grand Lodge of Delaware was instituted in 1806, Lodge No. V still remained a subordinate lodge of Pennsylvania, not coming in under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware until 1816. In the archives of this lodge are many interesting documents and papers which the members value highly.

Among these documents is a copy of the first printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, for the annual communication of 1826. Prior to that time it had been the custom of the grand secretary to write out in long hand the copies of his minutes and send one to each lodge. The lodge also has several copies of the written minutes between 1816 and 1825. Another interesting document is the original charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to certain officers and privates of his Britannic Majesty's Seventy-third Regiment of Foot, which regiment at the time of granting the charter, in 1774, was stationed at Edinburgh Castle. The charter recites that more officers and privates had some time prior to this date been granted a charter by the Duke of York, the Titular head of Masonry in England, which charter had been lost. The charter authorized the officers and privates to hold a Masonic Lodge, wheresoever they might be located. Just how this charter came into the possession of Union Lodge is not definitely known. It is thought, however that this Seventy-third Regiment of Foot took part in the Revolutionary War and engaged in some battle in which were Delaware troops, among whom were one or more members of Union Lodge, No. 5, that victory rested with the Americans and that this charter was obtained from the baggage or the person of the master of the lodge.

There are but four past masters in the State who were elected to office before Alfred G. Cox. They were: James W. Marshall, Jefferson Lodge, Lewes, 1861; John P. Allmond, Temple Lodge, Wilmington, 1865; Philemma Chandler of Washington Lodge and James Crooks of Lafayette Lodge, Wilmington, elected 1866. Mr. Cox was elected master in 1867.

The speech on the presensation of the gift given Mr. Cox, was made by Mr. J. C. Jolls who felicetated him upon his having reached his 80th year so greatly blest in health and staength. Rev. V. S. Collins made a congratulatory presentation speech when a similar gold Past Master jewel was given Mr. John A. Jolls. Both Mr. Cox and Mr. Jolls responded appreciatively, and a number of other members made speeches of like tenor, and the pleasant evening closed with a banquet in the lodge's refectory.

Mr. Cox is the possessor of another handsome gold Masonic memento—a Grand High Priest Jewel given him by the Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Delaware. It consists of a golden Jewish High Priest's Mitre, from which hangs a gold medalion that is a copy of the Delaware State Arms, and suspended from that, a fac simile of the ancient breast plate of the Jewish High Priest, with its 12 stones set in a square. This gift was bestowed in 1880 upon Mr. Cox.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary E. Reedy Hutchin

Mrs. Mary E. Reedy Hutchin, wife of Rev. William H. Hutchin, died suddenly at her home on Cass street on Friday afternoon last. Mrs. Hutchin had been ill with bronchitis and grip but was thought to be rapidly improving. Besides her husband, Mrs. Hutchin leaves a daughter, Mary, of Middletown and a son, William Harry of Minneapolis, Minn. She was born in Milford, this state, where a brother, Frank Reedy, now lives, another brother Hiram Reedy, lives in Philadelphia. As a girl, she was noted as a fine singer, and until her death, her voice was unusually sweet.

Mr. Hutchin has been a member of the Wilmington Conference and is now a member of the New Hampshire Conference, although he has not had a charge for some years.

The funeral services were held at Mr. Hutchin's home on Monday afternoon and the body was taken to Milford on Tuesday morning for interment in the family burying ground.

JAMES MULLEN

The sudden death of Mr. James Mullin which occurred on Friday night, January 26th, was a great shock to his many friends in this section. Mr. Mullin was one of the best known young farmers in this section, and his death was both untimely and sad. Mr. Mullin was 41 years old and unmarried, but leaves an aged mother, two sisters and three brothers to mourn his death.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock, and the remains were enterred in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery.

Matthews Corner School

The following pupils have received an average of 85 per cent or better for the month ending Jan 26th: 7th grade, Ethel Daniels, Willie Roemer; 5th grade Anna Davis; 3d grade, London Davis, Grant Ellingsworth.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

Wednesday, January 31st, 1912. Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by William Green, on his farm near Old St. Annes Church. D. P. Hutchinson, Auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 6th 1912—Public Sale of Horses, Cattle, etc., on the "Hurst Farm" 1½ miles north of New Castle, by William J. Daniels. D. P. Hutchison Auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 7th, 1912.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Frank J. Penington, near Odessa.

Thursday, February 8th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Thomas Lattomus, on the "Heath Range" Farm, on the road leading from the Levels School House to Cold well. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Monday, February 12th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc. by C. M. Cochran, on the Maple Grove Farm, two miles South of Middletown. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Tuesday, Fedruary 13th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farming implements, household goods, etc., by Eugene C. McCoy on the "William Cochran Farm" on the road leading from Middletown to Odessa. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 14, 1912.—Public sale of stock, farming implements household goods etc., by R. George Buckworth on the "Levi Bird Farm" about 1½ miles West of Summit Bridge. Eugene Racine Auctioneer.

Thursday, February 15th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., of the late Walter T. Heavellow, at his late residence on the Levels, by Miss Laura Heavellow, administratrix, and Harvey Smith, administrator. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

Friday, February 16, 1912—Sale on home farm near Odessa 10 horses and colts, 25 milk cows, 20 hogs, and some farming implements by George L. Townsend D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Monday, February 19th, 1912.—Public Sale of 40 head of Horses, Colts, Mules and Cows, farm implements, etc., by Harry Isaacs, in Middle Neck, Md., four miles west of Middletown. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 20th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by George W. Sartin, on road leading from Summit Bridge to Chesapeake City, Md. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 21st, 1912—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Jos. C. Hutchison on the road leading from Blackbird Station to Record's Mill. D. P. Hutchison Auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 21st, 1912.—Public sale of 230 acre farm, 16 horses and colts, 2 Jacks, 2 Jennies, 25 head of cattle, hogs, shoats and farm implements, by Geo. W. Padley, owner, on road to Cecilton, Md.

Friday, Februarv, 23d, 1912—Public sale of stock and farming implements by Charles H. Salmon, on the "Millwood Farm" near Summit Bridge.

Thursday, February 22d, 1912.—Public sale of stock farm implements, &c., by Chas. T. Deakyne, on the "G.F. Brady farm," at Middletown. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 28, 1912—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc, by William A. Lee, on the C. M. Cochran Farm. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

Monday, February 26, 1912—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by P. S. Daniels, on the "Barr Farm," on the road from Dogtown to Warwick, D. P. Hutchinson, Auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 27th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by William M. Rhoades, on Dr. Stites' farm, on the road from Murphy's Mill to Pivot Bridge. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

Wednesday, Febrnary 28th, 1912—Public sale of stock and farming implements, etc., by Boyd McCoy, one mile east of Summit Bridge.

Wednesday, February 28th, 1912.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Joseph H. Denny, on the Z. A. Pool farm, on the Dutch Neck road leading to Delaware City.

Thursday, February 29th, 1912—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by R. A. Harriett, on the farm adjoining Chesapeake City, Md. Eugene Racine, Auctioneer.

Friday, March 1st, 1912.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by J. Walter Moore, at his residence, on the "Clark Farm." 1½ miles south of Port Penn. H. V. Buckson, auctioneer.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1912.—Annual Public Sale of Horses and Mules, by W. A. Collins, in Smyrna. Usual free dinner to all. D. P. Hutchison auctioneer.

Tuesday, March 12, 1912.—Public Sale of Stock, farming implements, etc., of the late James A. Mullin on the Derrickson arm, one mile west of Middletown.

Tuesday, March 12th 1912—Public sale of stock, farming implements by C. C. Vail, in Dutch Neck, on the road leading to Delaware City. H. Buckson auctioneer.

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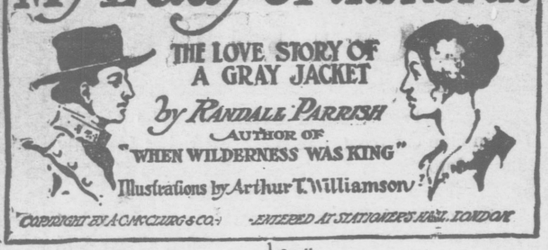

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CHAPTER XXXIV.

A Plan Miscarried.

I remembered as I hurried down the back stairway her flushed face, but could recall no look of indignant pride in those clear eyes whose pleasant memory haunted me. She loved me; of this I now felt doubly assured, and the knowledge made my heart light, even while I dreaded the consequences to us both.

I stepped out into the kitchen and came to a sudden pause, facing a table laden with such a variety and abundance of food as had been strange to me for many a long day. Directly opposite, a napkin tucked beneath his double chin, his plate piled high with good things, sat Ebers, while at either end I beheld Mr. and Mrs. Bungay similarly situated. The astonishment of our meeting seemed mutual. The Sergeant, apparently feeling the necessity of explanation, wiped his mouth soberly.

"I vos yoost goin' to fill me op mit der dings like a good soldier, Captain," he said in anxiety.

"No doubt; well, I am rather hungry myself. Mrs. Bungay, in memory of old times cannot you spare me a plate? If so, I will take pleasure in joining your happy company. Thank you. I see you have found your man."

"I have thet, sir," she answered, grimly, "an' I reckon as how he's likely ter stay et hum arter this."

"But you forget he is my guide," I protested, not disinclined to test her temper. "Surely, Mrs. Bungay, you would not deprive the South of his valuable services?"

"An' wouldn't I, now? An' didn't thet little whiffit promise me long afore he ever did you uns? Ain't he my nat'ral protector? Whut's a lone female a goin' ter dew yere in ther mountings wi'out no man?"

"Come, Jed, what do you say? Are you tired fighting the battles of the Confederacy, and prefer those of home?"

"I like ter read all 'bout fightin' well 'nough, but durn it, Cap, it kinder hurts whin they hits ye on ther head with a gun." His face lit up suddenly. "'Sides, I sorter wanter hev Mariar git 'quainted with thet thar muel o' mine, Beelzebub. He's out thar now, hitched ter a tree, an' a eatin' fit ter bust his biler—never a durn mark on his hide fer all he wint through."

"Well, I suppose I shall be compelled to let you and Beelzebub go, but it will prove a serious loss to the cause of the South," I said, my thoughts instantly turned by mention of the mule to matters of more importance. "I expect there will be lively times up your way."

"Ye kin jist bet thar will," enthusiastically. "It'll be nip and tuck, I reckon, but I'm mighty hopeful o' Mariar. Thet dern muel he needs ter be took down a peg."

"Sergeant," I said, "did you send out a party to bring in our horses and the sabers?"

"It vos all done already; der horses vos found und der swords."

"How many men have we lost?"

"Der vos five kilt, Captain; dot vos it. I vos hit mit der ear off; Sands is goin' to die, und maybe Elliott vill not get some better; some odders vos hurted."

"How many men does that leave us fit for duty?" I asked decisively, pushing back my plate and rising from the table.

"Dere vos twelve, Captain, mit me."

"That will do," I said. "In half an hour from now have the men ready for the road," and I turned and left the room.

We must depart at once. More than ever now I realized the necessity for haste. I hoped to meet the officer commanding the Federal detachment who had come to our aid, pay him the customary marks of respect, and get away without again coming in contact with Major Brennan. I felt myself pledged to this course of action.

A sentry stationed in the lower hallway informed me the officers were messing together in the front parlor, and I at once headed that way. I paused, however, to visit the wounded for a moment, spoke cheerily to my own men, and then, opening the door quietly, entered the room which I had last left in possession of the guerrillas. With the exception of broken windows and bullet-scarred walls little evidence remained of that contest which had raged here with such fury but a few hours previously. There were numerous dark stains upon the carpet, but much of the furniture had been restored to place, while a cheerful wood fire crackled in the open grate. Before it three men were sitting smoking, while upon a small table close at their elbows rested a flat bottle, flanked by several glasses. A single glance sufficed to tell me they were Federal cavalrymen, one being the red-faced lieutenant whom I had already met.

"I am seeking the commander of this detachment." I explained, as they glanced at me in surprise at my entrance unannounced. "I am Captain Wayne, in charge of the Confederate troop which was engaged in defense of this house."

A portly man with a strong face, and wearing a closely clipped gray beard, arose from a comfortable armchair and advanced with hand extended.

"I am Captain Moorehouse, in command," he answered, cordially, "and am very glad to meet you. Will you not join us? My second lieutenant, who has positive genius in that line, has unearthed a few bottles of rather choice whisky which we will divide most gladly."

"I thank you," I replied, anxious to meet him as pleasantly as possible "but I am eager to get away upon my duty as early as may be, and have merely intruded upon you to explain my purpose."

"Nonsense," he insisted. "Duty is never quite so urgent as to require a waste of good liquor. Captain Wayne, permit me to present my officers—Lieutenants Warren and Starr, Second New Hampshire Cavalry."

The constant haunting fear of the Major's possible entrance at any moment rendered me extremely uneasy, and anxious to be away. Undoubtedly this feeling exhibited itself in my manner, for Captain Moorehouse said finally:

"I realize your natural anxiety to be off, Captain Wayne, and while we should be very glad to keep you with us indefinitely, yet I trust you will feel perfectly free in the matter."

"I thank you greatly," I answered, rising as I spoke. "My duty is of such

"I Brand You Here and Now as Sneak and Liar; Now Will You Fight?"

a nature, and has already been so long neglected that I feel every moment of unnecessary delay to be a crime. I wish you a pleasant return within your own lines, and an early cessation of hostilities.

I had shaken hands with them all, and turned toward the door, congratulating myself on escaping thus easily, when a new voice broke suddenly in upon my self-satisfaction:

"I trust Captain Wayne is not intending to depart without at least a word with me?"

It was Brennan. He had entered unobserved from the second parlor.

"Frankly," I responded, "I hoped I might."

"Have you forgotten, then, our compact, or do you simply elect to ignore it?"

I saw the others exchange quick glances of amazement, but I answered coolly:

"The latter supposition is more nearly the truth, Major Brennan. I felt that after what we have just passed through together we could both afford to ignore the past, and consequently was hoping to escape without again encountering you."

"Indeed!" he exclaimed, sarcastically. "But I might have expected it. Gentlemen," and he turned toward the expectant group, "this man and I have a personal grievance of long standing unsettled. I have sought him for months in vain. When he came last night to our assistance, before I even consented to accept his services I insisted that no occurrence of the defense should prevent our meeting, if we both survived. Now he endeavors to sneak away like a whipped cur. I demand satisfaction at his hands, and if it is refused I shall denounce him in both armies."

My cheeks burned, but before I could control myself sufficiently for answer, Moorehouse spoke.

"But, Brennan, see here," he said anxiously, "surely Captain Wayne has served you well. Is this trouble between you so serious that no amends are possible?"

"None, short of a personal meeting."

"Captain," and the perplexed federal commander turned toward me, "have you any word of explanation in this unfortunate affair?"

"Very little," I answered. "I am not even aware that I have done injury to Major Brennan, purposely or otherwise. He has not so much as honored me with information as to his cause of complaint. However, I care very little what it may be. As he has seen fit to denounce me before officers of my own corps, I should be extremely glad to meet him upon that ground alone; but after what we have just passed through together, I felt ready to blot out these past differences. Whatever they may have been, they are not liable to occur again, nor we to meet."

"They have occurred again since you have been in this house!" Brennan broke forth excitedly. "You are not a coward, but I brand you here and now as a sneak and liar! Now will you fight?"

We stood for a moment in utter silence, eye to eye, and I knew there was no help for it. These words, publicly spoken, left me no choice.

"I am at your service, Major Brennan," I returned sternly, "now or at any time. But I am unfortunate here in having no officer of my army present, and hence can name no second."

"Doubtless one of these gentlemen will consent to serve," he said, his face brightening at my rejoinder.

Some one hastily pushed a way to the front, and Lieutenant Caton, pale but determined, stood at my shoulder.

"It will afford me pleasure to act for Captain Wayne," he said clearly, "if he will accept my services. Moreover," he added, with a significant glance at Brennan. "I do this as a friend, and with full confidence that I am upon the right side in the quarrel."

For a moment no one spoke, Brennan biting his mustache to keep back the words he durst not utter. Then Caton turned to me.

"If you will retire to the library, Wayne, I will arrange this matter with whoever may represent Major Brennan."

With a slight formal bow to those present I quitted the room.

CHAPTER XXXV.

The Last Resort of Gentlemen.

I found the library deserted, and paced the floor for fully half an hour before Caton appeared. Stung as I had been by Brennan's harsh, uncalled-for words, I yet shrank from the thought that I must now meet him in deadly combat. It was no fear of personal injury that troubled me; indeed I do not recall giving this the slightest consideration, for my mind was altogether concentrated upon what such a meeting must necessarily mean to Edith Brennan, and how it would affect our future relationship. This was the thought that swayed and mastered me. I had pledged myself to avoid him, and indeed had used every means possible to that end. The time was none too long, yet my mind once thoroughly settled as to my duty to her, became calm again, and confident in the outcome. When Caton entered, flushed and visibly excited from what had evidently proven an acrimonious controversy, I greeted him with a smile.

"You appear to have experienced difficulties in regard to details," I said curiously.

"There was much unnecessary talk," he admitted, "but matters have been at last arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned. You are to meet at once, in the rear of the big tobacco shed, a spot entirely removed from observation. I have been compelled to accept pistols as the weapons, as we have nothing else here at all suitable for the purpose—cavalry sabers being far too cumbersome. Lieutenant Starr chances to possess two derringers exactly alike, which we have mutually agreed upon. I hope this is satisfactory to you, Wayne?"

"I am not precisely an expert, but that does not greatly matter. Who acts for Brennan?"

"Captain Moorehouse, rather against his will, I think."

"Very well, Caton; I am perfectly satisfied, and am, indeed, greatly obliged to you; yet before we go out I desire to speak a word or two with the utmost frankness." I stood facing him, my hand resting lightly upon the writing table, my eyes reading his expressive face. 'As my second I wish you to comprehend fully my actions, and the motives that inspire them. If they are in any way unsatisfactory to your mind you may feel at perfect liberty to withhold your services. I am now, and always have been, opposed to dueling; I believe it wrong in principle, and a travesty upon justice; but it is a custom of the South, a requirement among officers of our army, and after what has just occurred between Major Brennan and myself I cannot honorably refuse any longer to go out. Major Brennan has deliberately placed me in a position where I cannot avoid meeting him without losing all standing in my corps. I sought to escape, but was prevented by accident; now I simply yield to the inevitable. I feel confident you will not misconstrue these words; you surely know me sufficiently well so as not to attribute them to cowardice. I shall face him exactly in accordance with your arrangements, asking nothing upon my part, yielding him every satisfaction he can possibly desire—but I shall fire in the air."

He stared at me incredulously, his face a perfect picture of amazement. "But, Wayne," he stammered, "are you aware that Major Brennan is an expert with the pistol? that he holds the Sixth Corps trophy? Do you realize that he goes out deliberately intending to kill you?"

"I was not posted as to the first fact you mention, but have never entertained the slightest doubt as to the other. However, they do not in the least affect my decision. Yet I do not desire you to suppose that I am at all quixotic in this—there is a personal reason why I am perfectly willing to risk my life rather than injure Major Brennan."

His troubled eyes studied me intently, and then his face suddenly brightened with a new thought. "Wayne," he asked, placing his hand upon my arm familiarly, "is it Mrs. Brennan?"

For an instant I hesitated, but his manly, honest countenance reassured me. "Between us only, it is," I answered gravely; "but not the slightest blame attaches to her."

"I do not wholly understand," he said at last, "yet I do not doubt you may be perfectly right in your decision." He extended his hand impulsively. "I know you to be a good soldier and a true gentleman; I will stand by you, Wayne, but I pledge this—if he takes advantage treacherously, and you fall (as God forbid!) I will face him myself; and when I do, there will be no firing in the air."

I do not remember that we spoke, save once, while we passed out through the orchard field where the big tobacco shed stood. Not until we turned the corner of the great ramshackle building, which in other and more prosperous days had been dedicated to the curing of the leaf, did we perceive any signs of the presence of our antagonists. They were standing upon the further side, directly opposite the door, and both bowed slightly as we approached. The Captain came toward us slowly.

"It is to be greatly regretted, gentlemen," he said, with ceremonious politeness, "that we have no surgeon with us. However, neither contestant has any advantage in this respect. Lieutenant Caton, may I ask if the arrangements as already completed have proven satisfactory to your principal?"

"Entirely so."

"Then if you will kindly step this way a moment we will confer as to certain details."

Brennan was leaning in negligent attitude against the side of the building, his eyes fastened upon the ground, the blue smoke of a cigar curled lazily above his head. I glanced toward him, and then sought to amuse myself watching the queer antics of a gray squirrel on the fence rail beyond. I felt no desire for further thought, only an intense anxiety for them to hurry the preliminaries, and have the affair settled as speedily as possible. I was aroused by Moorehouse's rather nasal voice.

"Gentlemen, will you please take your positions. Major Brennan, you will stand three paces to the right of that sapling, facing directly south. Captain Wayne, kindly walk straight west from the shed door until you come opposite the Major's position."

I noted Brennan throw away the stump of his cigar, and then I walked slowly forward until I reached the point assigned me. My heart was beating fast now, for I fully realized the probabilities of the next few minutes, and felt little doubt that serious injury, if not death, was to be my portion. Yet my trained nerves did not fail me, and outwardly I appeared fully as cool and deliberate as my opponent. Years of constant exposure to peril in every form had yielded me a grim philosophy of fatalism that now stood me in most excellent stead. Indeed, I doubt not, had I chosen to put it to the test, my hand would have proven the steadier of the two, for Brennan's face was flushed, and he plainly exhibited the intense animosity with which he confronted me.

How peculiar the mind often operates in such moments of exciting suspense. I recall remarking a very slight stoop in Brennan's shoulders which I had never perceived before, I remember wondering where Moorehouse had ever discovered a tailor to give so shocking a fit to his coat, and finally I grew almost interested in two birds perched upon the limb of a tree opposite where I stood. I even smiled to myself over a jest one of the young officers had made an hour before. Yet with it all I remained keenly observant and fully aware of each movement made by the others on the field. I saw Caton accept the derringer handed him and test it carefully, the long, slim, blue barrel looking deadly enough as he held it up between me and the sky. Then Moorehouse approached Brennan with its fellow in his grasp, and the Lieutenant crossed over, and stood beside me.

"Here is the gun, Wayne," he side, "and I sincerely hope you have changed your decision. There is no mercy in Brennan's eyes."

"So I notice," I answered, taking the derringer from him, and examining it with some curiosity, "but I shall do as I said, nevertheless. It is not any sentiment of mercy I feel which spares him, but a duty that appeals to me even more strongly than hate."

"By Heaven, I wish it were otherwise."

"Who gives the word?" I questioned.

"I do; are you ready?"

"Perfectly."

I held out my hand, and his fingers closed upon it with warm, friendly grip. The next moment Brennan and I stood, seemingly alone, facing each other, as motionless as two statues. His coat was buttoned to the throat, his cap-visor pulled low over his eyes, his pistol hand hanging straight down at his side, his gaze never wavering from me. I knew he was coolly, deliberately measuring the distance between us with as deadly a purpose as any murderer. The almost painful stillness was broken by Caton, and I marked the tremor in his voice.

"Are you both ready, gentlemen?"

"I am," said Brennan.

"Ready," I replied.

"The word will be one, two, three—fire; with a slight pause after the three. A report from either pistol before the final word is spoken I shall take personally. Be prepared now."

"Ready!" said the voice once more; and as I saw Brennan's arm slowly rise, I lifted mine also, and covered him, noting, as I did so, almost in wonder, with what steadiness of nerve and wrist I held the slender gauge just beneath the visor of his cap. Deliberately, as though he dreaded the necessity, Caton counted:

"One; two; three—fire!"

My pistol exploded, the charge striking the limb above him, and I staggered backward, my hat torn from my head, a white line cut through my hair

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and a thin trickle of blood upon my temple. I saw Caton rushing toward me, his face filled with anxiety, and then Brennan hurled his yet smoking derringer into the dirt at his feet with an oath.

"Damn it, Moorehouse," he roared, fairly beside himself, "the charge was too heavy; it overshot."

"Are you much hurt?" panted Caton.

"Merely pricked the skin."

Then Brennan's angry voice rang out once more.

"I demand another shot," he insisted loudly. "I demand it, I tell you, Moorehouse. This settles nothing, and I will not be balked just because you don't know enough to load a gun."

Caton wheeled upon him, his blue eyes blazing dangerously.

"You demand a second shot?" he cried indignantly. "Are you not aware, sir, that Captain Wayne fired in the air? It would be murder."

"Fired in the air!" he laughed, as if it was a most excellent joke. "Of course he did, but it was because my ball disconcerted his aim. I fired a second the first, but his derringer was covering me."

Caton strode toward him, his face white with passion.

"Let him have it his way," I called after him, for now my own blood was up. "I shall not be guilty of such neglect again."

He did not heed me, perhaps he did not hear.

"Major Brennan," he said, facing him, his voice trembling with feeling, "I tell you Captain Wayne purposely shot in the air. He informed me before coming upon the field that he should do so. I positively refuse to permit him to face your fire again."

Brennan's face blazed; chagrin, anger, disappointment fairly infuriated him, and he seemed to lose all self-control. "This is some cowardly trick!" he roared, glaring about him as if seeking some one upon whom he could vent his wrath. "Damn it, I believe my pistol was fixed to overshoot in order to save that fellow. I never missed such a shot before."

Moorehouse broke in upon his raving, so astounded at these intemperate words as to stutter in his speech.

"Do-do you d-dare to in-sinuate, Major Brennan," he began, "that I have—" he paused, his mouth wide open, staring toward the shed. Involuntarily we glanced in that direction also, wondering what he saw. There, in the open doorway, as in a frame, dressed almost entirely in white, her graceful figure and fair young face clearly defined against the dark background, stood Edith Brennan.

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